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# NEWS FROM CLUBS

NEW players to Maitland this year include Peter Kachel (Balmain), Ken Haimes (Roma, Qld.), Steve McCarney (Waratah), Rob Cameron (Ballina) and Glen Dwyer (Wagga). All have shown good form in first grade trials and matches.

THE Central Charlestown club extends a big hand to newcomers — Brian Anderson, Graham Moran, Jim Batey, P. McNamara, Peter Sharp, Roger Cooper and Jeff Gibson. May you all have an excellent season.

NORTHERN SUBURBS first grade winger Peter Campbell, was the winner of the Supporters' Club weekly award for a very constructive game against Waratah-Mayfield.

KURRI coach Peter Jaques must have felt very elated with his team's effort against his old club last week. Peter had the "Bulldogs" firing on all fours and his constant urging on the field kept the boys going right to the bell. Congratulations Peter and all the "Bulldogs" on a real team effort and gaining our first points.

WEST Injured Players' Fund Guessing Competition recently conducted, saw popular reserve grade player John Cook take out the first prize, a coloured TV with ticket No. 1583, 2nd prize to R. Nolan ticket No. 1821 and third prize to J. Longworth with ticket No. 535.

THE winner of the raffle conducted by Northern Suburbs last Sunday was S. Wright, 106 Boyd Road, Lemon Tree Passage. Ticket No. 1403.

IT'S good to see Peter Edmonds again wearing the black and white of the "Pumpkin Pickers" after two seasons away. Peter is approaching a great milestone in club football, with only 10 games to go to reach 200 games for Maitland.

PETER DODDS, Central-Charlestown's dashing young five-eighth, a product of the under 19 junior side, is a youngster with a big future. Congratulations Pete.

"GOANNA" selectors this year are well known to supporters and players. Brian Slade and Barry Burgess have both played many first grade games and have a vast knowledge of the game. Best of luck boys in your most difficult job.

CONGRATULATIONS to Junior players from last season—Lee Anlezark, Peter Campbell, Robert Farrell and David Edwards in gaining selection in Northern Suburbs first grade team.

BRENDAN "Joe" BARBER has been promoted to first grade today against Northern Suburbs. Brendan has recovered from the illness that kept him on the sidelines last season and he looks set to have his best year if his pre-season form can be used as a guide.

IT'S well known that John Fairns is "Goanna" first grade coach, but did you know that reserve grade coach is Laurie "Sparrow" Clifton and the third grade mentor is John "Jock" Henderson. Three solid citizens.

BARRY HALL'S third grade side for Maitland is probably the youngest the club has fielded. Last week five players were under 18, whilst many of the side played with the Maitland Boys' High side last year. Two of these players, Paul Hunt and Chris Bates received major points in the club awards. Keep up the good work boys.

ALL the Central-Charlestown players and officials congratulate prop Brian Anderson on his rep. debut against Cronulla—a mighty sustained effort that brought praise from the crowd.

KURRI club wishes to thank all those people who attended and assisted the Kurri Supporters' Club at the picnic races (Mulbring Gold Cup) last Saturday. The response by the large crowd was terrific and must have been most heartening to the Supporters' Club officials and members who had put in weeks of arduous labour in preparation for this day. MAITLAND reserve grade halfback Graham Rollinson scooped the pool in club and donors awards last week against Souths, gaining major points in four awards.

THE "Midget", Paul McGovern, is doing a grand job behind the scenes with Central, attending to gear and all the odd jobs. Best wishes to you "Midge" from all and sundry.

GREAT to have a character like Graham Knipe in the "Goanna" club. A very handy hooker, he is prepared to play anywhere. He's also a valuable member of our Supporters' Club whose recent Town Hall show was a tremendous success. Keep up the good work.

JOHN "Bluey" Wilson, a former West United Second Division player, has fully deserved his promotion to the reserve grade on the wing. John has steadily improved his. game and one feels if given the opportunities he will be hard to displace from this team and in fact might go one better and play first grade. "Good on yer Bluey".

NORTHERN SUBURBS former halfback and Life Member, Brian Askie, has nominated in the ballot for a Director of the Newcastle Leagues Club. North's club members' and officials support his nomination and wish him success.

MAITLAND players and supporters are reminded to contact Frank Gament to obtain tickets for the Country and Western night to be held at the club on May 10.

JIM BATEY, Central-Charlestown's fullback, showed a ton of class in Sunday's game against Wests. The player award of the game went to Jim and we congratulate him. ROBBIE JOHNSON, Central-Charlestown's recently promoted winger is doing an excellent job and is a terrific young lad with it.

RON SPARKS, a front row forward who has been impressive in recent games, has been included in West senior team. Many critics within the club are of the opinion that Ron's inclusion was only a matter of time, so consistent has been his game. One run of 50 yards to set up a try in reserve grade last week was typical of his game.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Kurri boys who took the big step in the matrimonial game during the off season and pre season. Best wishes for the future from the "Bulldog" camp to Ross Harris and Colleen, John Flanagan and Debra and Chris Roberts and Carolyn.

## IMPRESSIVE DEBUT

Peter Campbell, a Raymond Terrace junior recruit, made a grand debut with Northern Suburbs senior team last Sunday in opposition to Waratah-Mayfield.

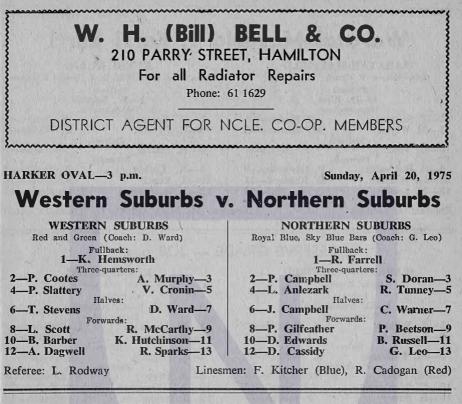
He is renowned for being a punishing tackler, but he proved that he is going to be a decided asset to his club with his accurate goal kicking.

In Sunday's game he contributed 18 of the 24 of North's points. He notched two tries from his wing position and kicked six goals, some of which were from difficult angles.

Neville Bagnall, also well known for his goal kicking contributed 14 points of his team's 32 points against Macquarie at Toronto's upgraded Sports Ground. He kicked seven goals from eight attempts.

Newcastle representative player Ron Burgess was also on the spot for Lakes by piloting six kicks between the uprights against Cessnock's heavy defeat of 5 to 30.

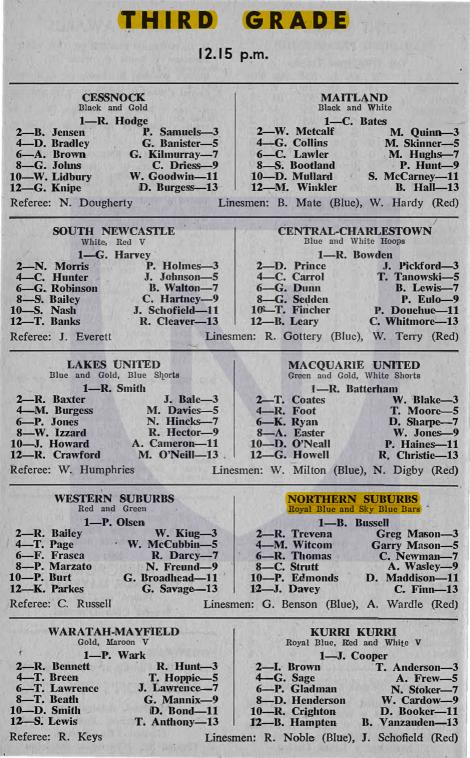




# RESERVE GRADE - 1.30 p.m.

WESTERN SUBURBS		NORTHERN SUBURBS	
Red and Green		Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars	
Fullback: 1—K. Blackwell Three-quarters:		Fullback: 1—J. Mullard Three-quarters:	
2-J. Wilson	R. Cronin-3	2-R. Warren	G. Cassidy—3
4-R. Christie	P. Perkins-5	4—T. Eagar	S. Stawski—5
Halves: 6-G. Norgard Forwards:	R. Wright—7	6—S. Dann Forwar	R. Andrews-7
8—D. Farr	M. Trypas—9	8—P. Newton	C. Newton-9
10-R. DeTozer	W. Aoake-11	10-W. Cooper	P. Bowhay—11
12—B. Coughlan	J. Cook-13	12—B. Williamson	B. Nichols-13
Referee: R. Paton Linesmen: G. Benson (Blue), A. Wardle (Red)			





# NEWCASTLE PREMIERSHIP

SOUTH NEWCASTLE 26 (P. Love 2, D. Rowe 2, G. Banks, R. Griffiths tries; P. Howlett 3, T. Williams goals) d CENTRAL OHARLESTOWN 20 (M. Boland 2, K. Maddison, R. Johnson tries; Boland 4 goals).

MAITLAND 28 (A. West 2, L. Drew, M. McMahon, R. Sneesby, G. Dwyer tries; K. Shine 5 goals) d CESSNOCK 11 (W. Jobson, M. Goldman, R. Austin tries; G. Smallcombe goal). WESTERN SUBURES 34 (P. Cootes 2, P. Slattery, Z. L. Scott, R. Sparks tries; K. Hemsworth 8 goals) d NORTHERN SUBURES 9 (R. Warren 2, R. Tunney tries). WARATAH-MAYFIELD 16 (S. Hudson, R.

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LAKES UNITED 50 (G. Thompson 3, S. Booth 2, T. Sheppard, J. Brock, P. Williams, G. Golden, A. Thomson tries; R. Burgess 10 goals) d MACQUARIE UNITED 15 (D. Riding 2, B. Landi tries; A. Finch 3 goals).

**RESERVE GRADE:** South Newcastle 32 d Central Charlestown 13; Maitland 20 d Cessnock 10; Western Suburbs 17 d Northern Suburbs 12; Waratah-Mayfield 18 d Kurri Kurri 14; Macquarie United 22 d Lakes United 11.

THIRD GRADE: South Newcastle 10 d Central Charlestown 9; Maitland 22 d Cessnock 6; Western Suburbs 17 d Northern Suburbs 6; Kurri Kurri 18 d Waratah-Mayfield 0; Macquarie United 16 d Lakes United 11.